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## POLICY CHANGE PROMOTES FOREIGN TRADE; SOUTH CHINA TRADE INCREASES

Adjustment in the relations of state-operated and private foreign trade agencies has resulted in a marked increase in the export-import business in North China. Exports of crude rubber from Hong Kong to South China were 100 percent greater during August than in July. Exports of iron, steel, crude rubber, and paints to North China increased.

Rectification of prices to encourage the raising of more and better cotton were ordered by the Peiping government. Embargo on export of bean cakes results in price rise.

PRIVATE COMPANIES GET MORE BUSINESS -- Hong Kong, Wen-hui Pao, 19 Oct 50

Reports from Tientsin indicate that since the state-operated foreign trade agencies have adjusted the relations between publicly and privately operated import-export businesses, foreign trade in North China has increased. The value of export and import permits issued by the Control Bureau during the third quarter amounted to as much as those issued during the first half of the year, in spite of the fact that July and August are regarded as slack months for this type of business.

The factors considered important in promoting this increase are: (1) better organization of the import-expor business; (2) assignment of much more business to private companies by the various special state companies; (3) careful regulation of export prices; (4) rapid action in making foreign exchange available to importers; and (5) reasonable adjustment of foreign exchange rates.

The value of import permits being issued to private operators every 10 days, at present, is reported to be ten times as great as the value of those issued during corresponding periods in March and April.

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With the beginning of the Korean conflict, certain opportunists started raising prices on imports. The North China Trade Company immediately threw quantities of imported goods into the market and thus held prices down.

SAYS TUNG OIL SUPPLIES LARGE -- Hong Kong, Wen-hui Pao, 23 Sep 50

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The value of tung oil imports to Hong Kong from South China amounted to 19,400,000 Hong Kong dollars during August. Exports of crude rubber to South China increased 100 percent over July amounting to nearly 6 million Hong Kong dollars. Exports of iron, steel, crude rubber, and paints to North China increased.

ISSUES ORDER ON COTTON, GRAIN PRICES -- Hong Kong, Wen-hui Pao, 21 Oct 50

Peiping, 19 October (Hsin-hua) -- The Trade and Agriculture Ministries of the Central People's government have issued an order for the rectification of cotton prices to bring them into line with the established comparative prices for cotton and grain. The order complains that in many areas cotton market prices are below the government prices and cotton growers are thus discouraged from producing more and better cotton.

BEAN CAKE PRICES RISE -- Hong Kong, Wen-hui Pao, 20 Oct 50

The announcement by the North China authorities of an embargo on export of bean cake from Tientsin brought about a sharp price rise on the Hong Kong market.

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